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SUBJ: LARGE CONSERVATIVE RALLY TERMINATES MAJOR ELECTION
CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY IN MEDELLIN

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1. THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY AND ALVARO GOMEZ HELD A MASS
POLITICAL RALLY IN MEDELLIN APRIL 5, MARKING THE EFFECTIVE
TERMINATION OF MAJOR LOCAL POLITICKING IN THE 1974 ELECTION
CAMPAIGN.

2. WHILE THE RALLY ATTRACTED A LARGE TURNOUT, AND CONSERVATIVE
SPOKESMEN OFFICIALLY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION, THE CROWD IN
PARQUE BERRIO WAS NOTICEABLY - PERHAPS TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT-
SMALLER THAN THAT ACHIEVED BY THE LIBERALS AND ALFONSO LOPEZ
IN THE SAME PARK MARCH 22. PRIVATELY, THE CONSERVATIVES
INDICATED SOME DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE SIZE OF THE RALLY,
BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN THEIR CLEAR OBJECTIVE TO TOP THE
EARLIER LIBERAL RALLY.

3. THE FINAL QTE BOX SCORE END QTE OF THE 1974 POLITICAL
RALLIES IN MEDELLIN S TRADITIONAL PARQUE BERRIO LOOKS
APPROXIMATELY AS FOLLOWS:

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LIBERALS	50 - 55,000
CONSERVATIVES	37 - 42,000
ANAPO	23 - 28,000
UNO	12 - 14,000

HERMES DUARTE OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY DID NOT
ATTEMPT A MEDELLIN RALLY.

4. THE PARTIES NOW TURN THEIR EFFORTS TO A FINAL PUSH TO
GET THEIR FOLLOWERS TO THE POLLS APRIL 21.

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